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Federal Recovery Funds Being Used for Iowa Infrastructure and Jobs

DES MOINES – lowa continues to move forward in using federal economic recovery funds to improve infrastructure and support jobs. Governor Chet Culver today announced the awarding of 11 additional state highway projects, totaling \$48.9 million, which are all slated to begin construction this season. These projects are being funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and were included in the lowa Department of Transportation's (DOT) bid letting held on Tuesday.

"These shovel-ready projects will mean jobs for lowans and lasting improvements in our state's infrastructure. This is exactly how President Obama intended the stimulus plan to be implemented," said Governor Culver. "This federal funding serves as an excellent complement to both existing highway funds and my proposed I-JOBS program."

Under ARRA, Iowa will receive approximately \$358 million for state and local highway and bridge projects.

Today's announcement comes on the heels of two others made last week that will provide \$5 million for trails projects and \$36.5 million for lowa's transit systems. In February, Governor Culver announced the first 19 state highway projects valued at \$56.6 million, which were let the day that President Obama signed ARRA into law.

These projects demonstrate lowa's commitment to quickly direct ARRA funding to important infrastructure projects. All of the funding for lowa DOT highway projects, and

much of it targeted for local highway projects, will be at work this construction season. With the federal ARRA funds, regular state and federal highway funds, and carry-over work from the 2008 construction season, lowa will set an all-time record for highway and bridge spending in 2009.

lowa DOT Director Nancy Richardson said: "This is about putting the federal recovery funds to work for the people of lowa. Iowa can accelerate long-needed infrastructure projects, supporting thousands of jobs, and improving commerce, safety and quality of life. As projects are completed, Iowans will be able to see noticeable differences in our transportation systems statewide, and reap the positive impacts that this funding has on our state."

Below is a list of the recently awarded highway projects. Lists identifying all state and local highway and bridge candidate projects and tentative bid letting dates are available on the <u>lowa DOT's ARRA Web site</u>.

County	Project Location	Type of work	Apparent Contract Amount*	Apparent Contractor*
Calhoun	lowa 7, from 0.5 mile west of Calhoun County line east to U.S. 169			Fort Dodge Asphalt Co., Fort Dodge, Iowa
Chickasaw	lowa 24, Tied projects: (1) From the east city limit of New Hampton east to the west junction of Chickasaw County Road V-56 in Lawler; and (2) From east city limit of Lawler east to Winneshiek County Road V-68 in Jackson Junction	(1) HMA resurfacing/Cold-in- Place (CIP) recycling; and (2) HMA resurfacing with milling	\$5,767,117.30	Mathy Construction Co., Onalaska, Wis.
Clarke	I-35, from the Decatur County line north to U.S. 34 (southbound lanes)	Portland cement concrete (PCC) pavement - replace	\$15,304,218.90	Manatts Inc., Brooklyn, Iowa
Decatur	U.S. 69, from just north of I- 35 north to the south city limit of Osceola	HMA resurfacing/HMA pavement widening	\$5,037,811.40	Norris Asphalt Paving Co., Ottumwa, Iowa
Monona	lowa 141, from west of the Woodbury County line southeast to 6 km west of Mapleton (snow borrow)	Grading	\$2,271,716.94	Peterson Contractors Inc., Reinbeck, Iowa
Osceola	lowa 9, from east of relocated lowa 60 east to west of the east junction of Osceola County Road L-58	PCC overlay – unbonded	\$4,865,289.44	Flynn Company Inc., Dubuque, Iowa
Page	lowa 2, in Clarinda from west of State Street east to the west junction of U.S. 71	HMA pavement widening/HMA resurfacing	\$848,816.55	Henningsen Construction Inc., Atlantic, Iowa
Page	U.S. 71, from the east junction of Iowa 2 in Clarinda north to U.S. 34	HMA pavement widening/HMA resurfacing	\$6,189,082.16	Henningsen Construction Inc., Atlantic, Iowa
Wapello	lowa 16 - Tied projects: (1) From Eldon north to former U.S. 34; and (2) From Eldon east to Selma	(1) HMA resurfacing/CIP recycling; and (2) HMA resurfacing with milling		Norris Asphalt Paving Co., Ottumwa, Iowa
		Total	\$48,943,222.50	

Note: These are the successful low bidders. Formal agreements required to consummate these contracts are pending and subject to signature by both parties.

A <u>Google-based map</u>, depicting all state highway projects awarded thus far, is available on the lowa DOT's ARRA Web site

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